

CLAIMS

1. A heat exchanging tube provided with a flat tube main body having a predetermined length and a plurality of refrigerant passages extending in a tube longitudinal direction and arranged in a tube widthwise direction, wherein the following relational equations (a) to (c) are satisfied:

$$W = 6 \text{ to } 18 \text{ mm} \quad \dots(a),$$

$$Ac/At \times 100 = 50 \text{ to } 70 \% \quad \dots(b) \text{ and}$$

$$P/L \times 100 = 350 \text{ to } 450 \% \quad \dots(c),$$

where "W" is a width of the tube main body, "Ac" is a total cross-sectional area of the refrigerant passages, "At" is a total cross-sectional area of the tube main body (including the refrigerant passages), "L" is an external perimeter of the tube main body and "P" is a total inner perimeter of the refrigerant passages.

2. The heat exchanging tube as recited in claim 1, wherein the following relational equation (d) is satisfied:

$$P/W \times 100 = 750 \text{ to } 850 \% \quad \dots(d).$$

3. The heat exchanging tube as recited in claim 1, wherein the following relational equation (e) is satisfied:

$$N/W = 3 \text{ to } 4 \quad \dots(e),$$

where "N" is the number of refrigerant passages.

4. The heat exchanging tube as recited in claim 1, wherein the following relational equation is satisfied:

$$H = 0.5 \text{ to } 1.5 \text{ mm} \quad \dots(f),$$

where "H" is a height of the tube main body.

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5. The heat exchanging tube as recited in claim 1, wherein the following relational equation (g) is satisfied:

$$Ta = 50 \text{ to } 80 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \quad \dots(g),$$

where "Ta" is a thickness of the partitioning wall partitioning adjacent refrigerant passages in the tube main body.

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6. The heat exchanging tube as recited in claim 1, wherein the following relational equation (h):

$$Tb = 80 \text{ to } 250 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \quad \dots(h),$$

where "Tb" is the thickness of the external peripheral wall in the tube main body.

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7. The heat exchanging tube as recited in claim 1, wherein the refrigerant passage is approximately rectangular in cross-section.

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8. The heat exchanging tube as recited in claim 1, wherein the width W of the tube main body is set to be 6 to 14 mm.

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9. The heat exchanging tube as recited in claim 1, wherein

the width W of the tube main body is set to be 7 to 12 mm.

10. The heat exchanging tube as recited in claim 1, wherein the following relational equation is satisfied:

5 $Ac/At \times 100 = 55 \text{ to } 65\%.$

11. The heat exchanging tube as recited in claim 1, wherein the following relational equation is satisfied:

$P/L \times 100 = 360 \text{ to } 420\%.$

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12. A heat exchanging tube provided with a plurality of refrigerant passages in a flat tube main body having a predetermined length, the refrigerant passage extending in a direction of a tube longitudinal direction and being arranged in parallel in a tube widthwise direction,

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wherein the following relational equations (a), (f), (g) and (h) are satisfied:

$W = 6 \text{ to } 18 \text{ mm} \quad \dots(a),$

$H = 0.5 \text{ to } 1.5 \text{ mm} \quad \dots(f),$

20 $Ta = 50 \text{ to } 80 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \quad \dots(g) \text{ and}$

$Tb = 80 \text{ to } 250 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \quad \dots(h),$

where "W" is a width of the tube main body, "H" is a height of the tube main body, "Ta" is a thickness of a partitioning wall partitioning adjacent refrigerant passages in the tube main body,

25 "Tb" is a thickness of an external peripheral wall of the tube main

body.

13. The heat exchanging tube as recited in claim 12, wherein the width W of the tube main body is set to be 6 to 14 mm.

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14. The heat exchanging tube as recited in claim 12, wherein the width W of the tube main body is set to be 7 to 12 mm.

15. A heat exchanger provided with a pair of headers and a plurality of heat exchanging tubes arranged in parallel in a header length direction, opposite ends of the heat exchanging tube being connected to the headers in fluid communication,

wherein the heat exchanging tube is provided with a flat tube main body having a predetermined length and a plurality of refrigerant passages extending in a tube longitudinal direction and arranged in a tube widthwise direction, and

wherein the following relational equations(a) to (c) are satisfied:

$$W = 6 \text{ to } 18 \text{ mm} \quad \dots(a),$$

$$Ac/At \times 100 = 50 \text{ to } 70 \% \quad \dots(b) \text{ and}$$

$$P/L \times 100 = 350 \text{ to } 450 \% \quad \dots(c),$$

where "W" is a width of the tube main body, "Ac" is a total cross-sectional area of the refrigerant passages, "At" is a total cross-sectional area of the tube main body (including the refrigerant passages), "L" is an external perimeter of the tube

main body and "P" is a total inner perimeter of the refrigerant passages.

16. The heat exchanger as recited in claim 15, wherein the
5 width W of the tube main body is set to be 6 to 14 mm.

17. The heat exchanger as recited in claim 15, wherein the
width W of the tube main body is set to be 7 to 12 mm.

10 18. The heat exchanger as recited in claim 15, wherein the
following relational equation is satisfied:

$$A_c/A_t \times 100 = 55 \text{ to } 65\%.$$

19. The heat exchanger as recited in claim 15, wherein the
15 following relational equation is satisfied:

$$P/L \times 100 = 360 \text{ to } 420\%.$$

20. A heat exchanger provided with a pair of headers and a
plurality of heat exchanging tubes arranged in parallel in a header
20 length direction, opposite ends of the heat exchanging tube being
connected to the headers in fluid communication,

wherein the heat exchanging tube is provided with a flat tube
main body having a predetermined length and a plurality of
refrigerant passages extending in a tube longitudinal direction
25 and arranged in a tube widthwise direction, and

wherein the following relational equations (a), (f), (g) and (h) are satisfied:

$$W = 6 \text{ to } 18 \text{ mm} \quad \dots(a),$$

$$H = 0.5 \text{ to } 1.5 \text{ mm} \quad \dots(f),$$

5 $Ta = 50 \text{ to } 80 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \quad \dots(g) \text{ and}$

$$Tb = 80 \text{ to } 250 \text{ } \mu\text{m} \quad \dots(h),$$

where "W" is a width of the tube main body, "H" is a height of the tube main body, "Ta" is a thickness of a partitioning wall partitioning adjacent refrigerant passages in the tube main body, 10 "Tb" is a thickness of an external peripheral wall of the tube main body.

21. The heat exchanger as recited in claim 20, wherein the width W of the tube main body is set to be 6 to 14 mm.

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22. The heat exchanger as recited in claim 20, wherein the width W of the tube main body is set to be 7 to 12 mm.